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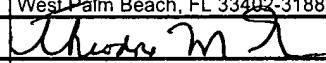
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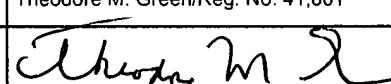
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		First Named Inventor	Costin, et al.
		Art Unit	3727
		Examiner Name	Merek, Joseph C.
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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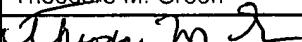
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1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: COSTIN ET AL.

Application No. 10/091,610

Examiner: MEREK, Joseph C.

Filed: March 5, 2002

Group Art Unit: 3727

For: INTERCHANGEABLE FITMENT APPARATUS AND SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This response is in reply to a restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, in the above-identified application, with a one month shortened statutory period, making a response due on or before August 1, 2004. This response is timely filed.

REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement and requires election of one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 8-10, drawn to a fitment system; and

Group II: Claims 18-20 drawn to a method of providing an interchangeable fitment system.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I (Claims 8-10) drawn to a fitment system. This election is made without traverse. The elected claims set forth, herein, are merely to comply with the Restriction Requirement and is not to be construed as surrender of any subject